

READING FILE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of)
the TOWN OF BELGRADE For Authority)
To Adopt Increased Water Rates.)
_____)

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 81.2.19
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4787

On February 20, 1981, the Town of Belgrade (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its water rates to provide additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation, to maintain and repair the existing system and to meet increased capital expenditures.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was published in the March 11, 1981 edition of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by April 7, 1981, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.
2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
3. On November 17, 1981, the Town Council of the Town of Belgrade passed Resolution No. 594 setting water rates at the proposed level.
4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, repair, and improve the existing system and to meet increased capital expenditures.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed increases in rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$52,400.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
2. Interested persons were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing on this matter.
3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The rates set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized.
2. The rates shall be effective for all water services rendered on and after April 13, 1981.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION IN Helena, Montana on April 13, 1981 by a 4 - 0 vote.

APPENDIX "A"

Water Rates

Flat Rate Per Month

	<u>Rate</u>
1/2" service	\$ 11.00
5/8" service	\$ 11.00
3/4" service	\$ 11.00
1" service	\$ 15.00
1 1/4" service	\$ 31.00
2" service	\$ 46.00
3" service	\$ 62.50
6" service	\$155.00

Flat Rate Per Month

Single Occupant Dwelling \$ 6.50

Meter Rates Per Month

\$ 4.00
plus \$0.65 per
1,000 gallons

Minimum Charge For Metered
Service - Per Month

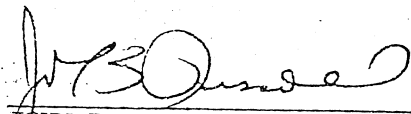
\$ 7.25

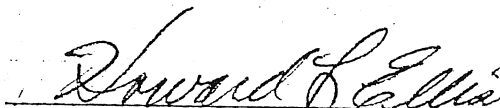
Irrigation


Minimum - /first 1,000 S.F. \$ 9.00
Additional Area - /1,000 S.F. \$ 6.00

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

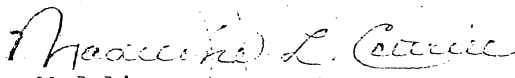

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman


JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner


HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner


THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (3) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.